(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Increase in the monthly quota of rice to Kerala

*55. SHRI M. A. BABY: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Kerala have requested for an increase in the monthly quota of rice;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether any decision has been taken thereon; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Government of Kerala have requested for increasing the quota of rice from 1.00 lakh tonnes to 1.60 lakh tonnes per month.

(c) and (d) It has not been found possible to accede to the request of the State Government.

बैलाडिला, मध्य प्रदेश में लौह अयस्क का अपव्यय

*56. **श्री अजीत जोगी :** क्या **इस्पात और खान** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि मध्य प्रदेश के बस्तर जिले के बैलाडिला में विपुल मात्रा में फाइन लौह अयस्क निरुपयोग श्रेणी में व्यर्थ पड़ा है और नष्ट हो रही है;

(ख) क्या सरकार की इसका सदुपयोग करने की कोई योजना है; और

(ग) क्या बैलाडिला के पास कोक और लौह अयस्क की भट्टी बनाने का संयंत्र स्थापित करने की कोई योजना सरकार के विचाराधीन है ?

इस्पात और खान मंत्री (श्री माखन लाल फोतेदार) : (क) लौह अयस्क के खनन के दौरान डलों के अतिरिक्त भारी मात्रा में चूरा भी निकलता है । चूंकि पूर्ववर्ती वर्षों में केवल अयस्क के डलों का इस्तेमाल होता था, अतः चूरा, जो इस्तेमाल-योग्य नहीं होता था, ढेर में डाल दिया जाता था । अप्रयुक्त चूरे के ये स्टाक अवश्य विद्यमान हैं ।

(ख) जी, हां ।

(ग) जी, नहीं ।

Steel Plants at Sevagram

*57. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to establish three steel plants at SEVAGRAM (Wardha Distt.) in Maharashtra;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) by when the proposed projects are likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI MAKHAN LAL FOTEDAR): (a) and (b) Government does not contemplate establishing any steel plant at Sevagram. However, letters of Intent were issued in 1985 for setting up three steel projects in Wardha District of Maharashtra. A letter of intent was issued in July, 1985 to Messrs. Inland Steels Limited for rolling of 1,00,000 tonnes per annum of cold rolled carbon steel sheets. The second letter of intent was issued in October, 1985 to M/s.